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4 charged after police discover card-skimming equipment

CRIME A routine check of an illegally parked car has unearthed possibly one of the largest debit and credit card-skimming operations in Calgary's history.

On Wednesday, police searched a rental car and found three PIN pads, prompting a further search at a hotel that uncovered electronic storage devices, memory chips, gel pads, credit cards and $4,000 in cash.

The equipment could have compromised tens of thousands of card numbers.

Four men, all from Quebec, were arrested and charged with possession of equipment for forging credit cards.

The men, who face further charges, are believed to have ties to organized crime in Eastern Canada. METRO CALGARY

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Back to school **First day**

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Julia Zhong, 4, with Cindy Chang, is excited for her first day of school at St. Monica School as students across the city headed back to classes Thursday.

MRC to be university?

'Milestone' event set for Sept. 3

AMY GREGSON
for Metro Calgary

Staff, students, alumni and dignitaries have been summoned to Mount Royal College next Thursday, where it appears likely the college will be made a university.

Sources have told Metro an event will occur Sept. 3, and they have been instructed to have their calendars cleared for this day.

An invitation for the event reads "celebrate a historic Mount Royal milestone" and "join us for an important announcement for post-secondary education in Calgary."

One student said through Facebook that at a mature student orientation (on Wednesday), the vice-president felt "there is a very strong chance that as of a week from now, Mount Royal could very well be a university."

Mount Royal president Dave Marshall wouldn't comment, though he did confirm an email was sent out for a "special event" on Thursday at 2:30 p.m. and that it would be held in the college's main gymnasium.

"It's going to be a convocation-like activity," Marshall said.

The college's vice-president academic, Robin Fisher, wouldn't confirm anything either, saying it's the government's announcement to make. Fisher indicated he believed both the premier and minister of advanced education would be at the event.

Donna Babchishin from Advanced Education and Technology didn't have any details on a possible name change, but said legislation has already been passed enabling post-secondary institutions in the province to apply for university status. Babchishin said MRC was in that process, but couldn't confirm when it would be completed.

Ald. Brian Pincott, whose ward includes Mount Royal, was pleased to hear the college could finally earn the university label.

"Calgary can very easily handle two universities — there's four in Halifax alone and that's only 200,000 people."

The Mount Royal College Reflector reported in its Feb. 12 edition that the provincial legislation would allow Mount Royal College to become Mount Royal University as early as this summer.

Reputed gang member to be held in custody

SHAWN LOGAN
for Metro Calgary

DEPORTATION FIGHT After a five-year immigration battle, alleged gangster Jackie Tran may be kicked out of Canada within days unless a last-ditch appeal is granted.

Tran, who was arrested Tuesday for failing to show up to receive his removal notification, will remain in custody until his scheduled flight following a decision by an immigration adjudicator yesterday.

Only an emergency appeal, which will be heard by a federal judge on Friday, would be enough to allow Tran, 26, to remain in the country that has been his home for most of his life.

Tran's lawyer, Raj Sharma, said the Canada Border Services Agency did a poor job relaying information about the removal order to Tran and he took issue with the arrest. "I won't say that the CBSA engineered the breach, but they set up a scenario that resulted in the breach by my client."

A publication ban won't allow the date of Tran's removal to be made public until he has returned to his native Vietnam.

If the appeal is granted, Tran will remain in custody until a new hearing is held in seven days.

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$80 million cut from education budget

The Alberta government is cutting $80 million out of its education budget for this school year, the province said Thursday. Education Minister Dave Hancock said $56 million would come from school boards and the rest from the provincial level. Hancock said larger cuts could happen next year. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Local

WorldSkills coming to Calgary

The world is coming to Calgary as the WorldSkills Cultural Celebration hits Stampede Park and from Aug. 29 to Sept. 5 a variety of performances will be held throughout the city to celebrate. Live music, dance and specialty acts will occur at Olympic Plaza and the Coca Cola Stage and all events are free. For a schedule of events visit calgary.ca/worldskills

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Celebrating new police station

COPS The Calgary Police Service will officially open their Ramsay Station Aug. 29 with special celebrations and a community barbecue.

Calgarians will be able to tour the facility and see CPS armoured rescue vehicles, traffic motorcycles and members of the Mounted horse patrol. The Ramsay Station is located at 1010 26 Ave. S.E. and will serve the downtown Calgary and inner city areas located within District 1. Celebrations take place from 12 to 3 p.m.

Fatal crash info released by RCMP

ACCIDENT Strathmore RCMP have released information about the fatal collision Wednesday at the intersection of Highway 24 and Glenmore Trail.

The deceased were a 75-year-old female, 75-year-old male and 17-year-old man, the driver of the van, all from Calgary.

A 22-year-old female and a 23-year-old male from Quebec are in critical and stable condition respectively. Two girls, 12 and 13, from Nova Scotia are at the Children's Hospital in stable condition.

No charges are pending at this time. METRO CALGARY

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Bus rapid transit to fill gap

City launches $30M BRT route from McKenzie Towne to downtown

SHAWN LOGAN
for Metro Calgary

It's not a new southeast LRT line but city officials hope a new bus rapid transit (BRT) system will help fill a gaping transportation void.

The city will launch its $30-million BRT route from McKenzie Towne to the downtown core on Monday, pushing forward early despite not having all its funding in place for a pair of park and ride lots and shelters at its dozen hubs.

Calgary Transit spokeswoman Theresa Keddy said planners pushed ahead with the new service while federal cash was still outstanding to help provide better service to a quadrant of the city that is transit-starved.

"We wanted to start the BRT even though we haven't secured all of the money yet," she said.

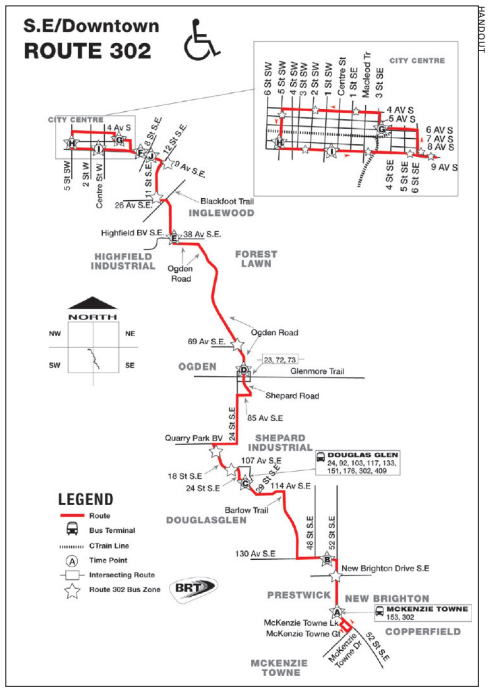
"These people needed this service and to wait for everything to be completed would have just taken longer."

The new route, which loosely mirrors where a future southeast LRT line would be constructed, will provide 118 trips every weekday with buses 10 minutes apart during peak hours and 20 minute interval during slower periods.

> **"These people needed this service ... to wait for everything to be completed would have just taken longer."**
> Theresa Keddy

Ald. Ric McIver, who will be on the first BRT bus at 5 a.m. on Monday, said the city's long suffering southeast will finally get some transit relief. "It's been severely underserved in that part of the city for a number of years and this is really playing catch up," he said.

The southeast LRT is still at least a decade away and already comes with an estimated $2-billion price tag.



The new southeast BRT will mirror the approximate route of the future LRT line. Passengers will be able to board buses on the route Monday.

Snails can be speedy, says study

RESEARCH University of Calgary researchers have discovered that snails know when to beat a hasty retreat.

Findings published last month in the Journal of Experimental Biology suggest that slow moving snails will move quickly to avoid native predators, even those that have never been experienced firsthand. Lead researcher Dr. Ken Lukowiak said the experiments show snails that have lived generations without exposure to native predators will go into high gear after catching one whiff on one in their watery homes.

"They're not fast but they move significantly faster when a predator is around," he said.

The research is being used to determine whether strong memories that are passed down can be determined by placing the snails in a stressful environment. Crayfish were used to spook Canadian snails while salamanders did the same for Dutch snails. Lukowiak said it would take 50-100 years to build up fear for an unknown predator.

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Students back to school a few days early

AMY GREGSON
for Metro Calgary

KIDS With school supplies in hand, Joanne Peters dropped her daughter off for her first day of grade six at Don Bosco Elementary and Jr. High School Thursday as students headed back for the first day of the 2009-2010 school year.

Peters is excited about the start of the school year and likes the idea of students going back earlier than usually.

"I think it's good because they don't settle in for a few days anyways. To give them three days head start is a nice chance to get all the anxiety out of the way."

Janet Sutherland, senior communications specialist for the Calgary Catholic School District, said the day went off as a normal school day.

Sutherland said she hadn't heard of any transportation delays such as missed buses, but that it is not uncommon during the first few days of school.

Students have gone back to school three days early this year because of the WorldSkills Cultural Celebration is being held Sept. 1 to 7 at the Stampede Grounds.

Sutherland said a majority of students will going to the grounds or hosting countries at their schools.

"I think it's a great educational opportunity for our students," said Sutherland.

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Report expected to confirm recession's end

The Canadian economy has started a slow crawl back to health after the sharpest three-quarter recession in 50 years, a Statistics Canada report is expected to show on Monday. REUTERS

Canada

Doer announces resignation

Gary Doer announced his resignation as Manitoba premier yesterday only hours before Prime Minister Stephen Harper unveiled a list of new appointees to the Senate. Doer, stepping down after 10 years in Manitoba's top political job, had to reassure his audience that he was not quitting to take up a new job as a senator. But rumours persist that Doer, 62, might end up as Canada's next ambassador to the United States, replacing Michael Wilson. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Facebook agrees to changes

PRIVACY Facebook agreed on Thursday to give its worldwide users better protection over their personal information as the result of negotiations with Canada's privacy commissioner.

The changes will give users of the social networking website more transparency and control over the information they provide to third-party developers of applications such as games and quizzes, Privacy Commissioner Jennifer Stoddart announced.

As well, Facebook will make it clear that users can delete their accounts, not just deactivate them, if they do not want their information kept indefinitely.

And information about non-users will be better protected. REUTERS

News in brief

COURTS The wife of a Canadian man shot to death in Thailand, her lover and a hit man have been sentenced to life in prison, CBC News Online reports. Dale Henry, 48, was shot in the head while sleeping in his own bed at his home in Ranong province, Thailand on Feb. 3, 2008. METRO NEWS SERVICES

PRODUCTS The greatest threat to come from Canada is not food-borne bacteria, but cucumbers and penile enlargement kits. Those two items top the list of Canadian imports the U.S. Food and Drug Administration has refused at the border over the past two years, according to an online database containing more than 1,100 import alerts for everything from baby shampoo to borscht. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Harper names new senators

Political opponents cry hypocrisy as 9 appointed, including hockey star

Prime Minister Stephen Harper was labelled Canada's political "patronage king" and a "hypocrite" yesterday after tossing aside his oft-repeated promise not to name unelected Canadians to the Senate.

Harper named nine new senators, including Doug Finley (Ontario) his campaign chair, Carolyn Stewart-Olsen (New Brunswick), his long-time communications assistant, and Conservative Party of Canada president Don Plett (Manitoba).

"He is not only a complete hypocrite, he is now officially the Senate patronage king," Liberal MP Ujjal Dosanjh (Vancouver South) said.

"He is unequalled in Canadian history as the only prime (minister) to have made 27 senate appointments in a single year and he beat (Progressive Conservative prime minster) Robert Borden who made 26 (in 1917)," he said.

Harper appointed 18 senators in December, including CTV's Mike Duffy, as he attempts to outnumber the Liberal dominated Red Chamber. Senators are paid $132,000 a year plus benefits and are not required to retire until they turn 75. Critics call it cash for life.

"He has declared to the Canadian public that he would not name unelected people to the Senate," NDP Leader Jack Layton said of Harper.

The surprise appointment was professional hockey coach Jacques Demers, who admitted in his 2005 biography that he can sign his name, but can't read most sentences. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Prime Minister Stephen Harper shakes hands with one of nine newly appointed senators, hockey coach Jacques Demers.

Among named

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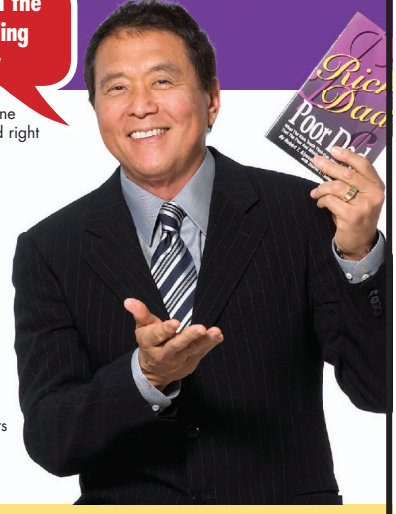

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The U.S. military wants to speed production of 10 to 12 huge bunker buster bombs, the Air Force said Thursday, amid concerns over suspected underground nuclear sites in Iran and North Korea. REUTERS

World

Kidnapped girl turns up 18 years later

A California girl abducted at age 11 in 1991 has been found alive, police said on Thursday, adding her kidnapper apparently fathered two children with her and kept all three living in tents and sheds behind his house.

Jaycee Dugard had been missing since she was abducted near her home in South Lake Tahoe, east of San Francisco, on June 10, 1991, by two people in a grey car.

"It's a pretty spectacular story just to find someone like that. Someone we assumed was dead," said Bill Clark, the chief assistant district attorney for El Dorado County, an area east of Sacramento.

Dugard's alleged kidnapper, Phillip Craig Garrido, 58, a registered sex offender in California who served time in prison for rape and kidnapping, and Nancy Garrido, 54, were in custody after being arrested on Wednesday, police said.

Dugard was healthy, El Dorado Undersheriff Fred Kollar said, but "living in a backyard the last 18 years must take its toll," he added.

"None of the children had ever been to school, none had been to a doctor, they were kept in complete isolation in this compound, if you will, at the house," Kollar said.

Suspicions were first raised after Garrido tried to enter the University of California at Berkeley campus to pass out leaflets with his two daughters.

His interaction with the two female minors, aged 11 and 15, raised suspicion and a police officer looked into his background.

The next day, during a visit with his parole officer, Garrido brought his wife, the two minors and a female named Allissa — who later proved to be Dugard — whom the officer had never seen before.

The district attorney's office said it would file charges by today.

Dugard was walking to a bus stop near her home in 1991 when the car pulled up next to her and she was yanked inside. REUTERS

Parents' reaction

- Carl Probyn, the girl's stepfather, told television that "we both cried for about 10 minutes" after he and her mother were alerted by authorities that she had been found alive.

Kennedy's death leaves questions in U.S. finance, health-care reform

POLITICS The death of U.S. Senator Edward Kennedy clouds the outlook for overhauling U.S. financial regulation, with all eyes now on Senator Christopher Dodd.

The next move of the Connecticut Democrat, a close friend of his late Massachusetts colleague, will go a long way toward determining the scope and scale of financial reform. The Obama administration and congressional Democrats, including Dodd, want to tighten regulation of banks and capital markets in response to the worst financial crisis in decades.

As chairman of the Senate Banking Committee, Dodd has a central role to play in financial reform, but some analysts and lobbyists question whether he will play it in the end.

Now that Kennedy has died, Dodd could take over as chairman of the Senate health committee, which is handling the heated debate over health-care reform, a cause dear to his old friend.

If Dodd assumes the health panel chairmanship, as some lobbyists and analysts expect, he would leave behind a complicated succession problem in the banking committee. REUTERS

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Ted Kennedy's daughter Kara is hugged by a family member as she stands with brothers Patrick, left, and Edward Jr., second from right, as the body of Kennedy leaves the family compound in Massachusetts Thursday.

News in brief

FLU U.S. health authorities are turning to social networking sites such as Facebook and Twitter in a bid to prepare people to be vaccinated against influenza A (H1N1), also known as swine flu, Reuters reports. REUTERS

NO MOON ROCK A Dutch museum said Thursday that one of its prized possessions, a rock supposedly brought back from the moon, is just a piece of wood. A spokesperson said the museum will keep the object on display anyway as a curiosity, considering the story behind it. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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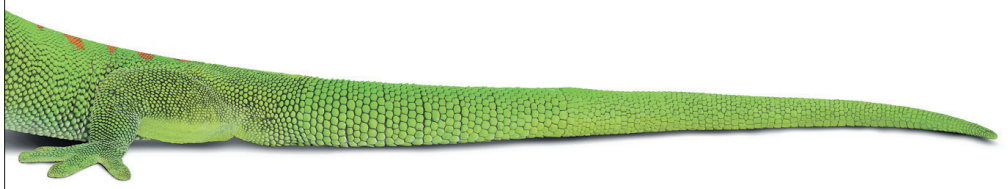

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Comment

Visa vigilance needed

High levels of fraud and misrepresentation prevalent

Martin Collacott

The federal government is quite rightly investigating the case of Suaad Hagi Mohamud and why the visa section of our high commission in Nairobi initially agreed with the local authorities that she was not the rightful bearer of the passport she used when attempting to leave Kenya in May.

For those who think this action may be symptomatic of a general disposition on the part of our high commission to be overly suspicious or indifferent towards our citizens who happen to come from the region, Canadians should be aware, however, of the very high levels of misrepresentation, including identity fraud, that this and other Canadian visa offices have to contend with on a daily basis.

This problem is by no means confined to posts in Africa, nor is it a recent phenomenon. In the 1950s, for example, it was discovered that a large proportion of immigrants who had recently arrived from Hong Kong had done so fraudulently. The problem was so massive that Ottawa decided it was not practical to try to send them all back and eventually regularized the status of the more than 11,000 people.

Suaad Hagi Mohamud

This problem, moreover, has not gone away. In the case of applications from China, our largest source of immigration, access to information requests in recent years have revealed, for example, that 57 per cent of student visa applications from Fujian Province in China were submitted with fraudulent documents while a sampling of business immigration applications from that country found that only 35 per cent were bona fide.

In the case of our second largest source country, India, although the rejection rate for applications at our largest visa office, Delhi, is only 19 per cent, in Chandigarh in the Punjab, most had to be turned down due to a high incidence of fraudulent documents or other forms of misrepresentation.

At some of our posts, such as those in the former Soviet Union for example, fraudulent applications have also frequently involved attempts by criminal elements to enter Canada.

At our office in Nairobi, which is the main overseas centre for the processing of applications by people from Somalia seeking settlement as refugees abroad, fraud, and particularly identity fraud, is a major problem. This takes a number of forms, including claims that children being brought into Canada are one's own offspring when, in fact, they are someone else's. In such cases, DNA testing often becomes necessary — which is both expensive and time consuming.

While Mohamud's case should be carefully examined to find out what went wrong and how it can be avoided in the future, Canadians should be under no illusions regarding the high levels of fraud that many of our visa offices have to deal with on a regular basis and the difficulty this poses in terms of making fair and timely decisions.

Martin Collacott is a former Canadian ambassador in Asia and the Middle East.

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Views

Bottle entrepreneurs worth supporting

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The shocking story of hot shot Calgarian Ryan Jenkins and his ex-wife, Jasmine Fiore, is a tragedy from every angle. Both are dead. He's accused of her murder. Yet their story has me thinking of someone else.

It's the unnamed bottle picker who found Fiore's body a few weeks ago in California. The picker alerted police then retreated. Even the L.A. Times reported that police located Fiore in a garbage bin. True, but the picker was first to the horrific find. Otherwise, she would just be a missing person.

Like those in L.A., there are hundreds of people in Calgary who make money picking through recycling bins and garbage. No pickers have reported a grisly find here, but their lives are worth a look.

They are citizens who often push shopping carts miles to the nearest bottle depot and collect the deposits. I was jogging in the alley (I like the seclusion) Thursday and kept up with an elderly man on a bike. He had empties in two green bags and told me he's helping pay for his grandkids' school supplies. He makes $100 weekly. Another neighbour, again a senior male, walks the alleys each day and says the empties finance his utilities. It's fine by me. I'm too lazy to return the bottles, so I put them in the alley.

Now I'm warned against this. Our Calgary police liaison officer spoke to our community board and cautioned us against putting empties out — or even putting recycling bins out too early. He said pickers may get used to finding empties, but if they aren't there as expected, can become aggressive and move onto a homeowner's property. Clearly, the police want to avoid a confrontation. There are theft problems in my neighbourhood, so I applaud the effort to protect my family.

For a while I hoarded our empties, but then reverted. My alley empties continue to disappear quietly and without incident. I know little of the pickers. They know I drink plenty of Malbec.

Sadly, for some, these containers form an entire income. When Alberta raised the deposit fee on bottles in June, and included milk containers and meal supplements, it inadvertently broadened the income possibility for the poor and charities.

When it comes to helping provide an income for bottle entrepreneurs, I guess I'll take my security chances.

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Worth mentioning

Japanese police aim to rehab elderly shoplifters

Tokyo police will try to rein in a wave of shoplifting by lonely elderly people by involving them in community service, a police spokesman said Thursday.

One out of four elderly shoplifters in the capital blamed their crime on loneliness, Japanese media quoted a police survey as saying. Another eight per cent said it was because they had "no reason to live."

More than half the elderly shoplifters said they had no friends and 40 per cent of them lived alone, media said.

"Making shoplifters do volunteer work in the community is effective," the Tokyo Shimbun quoted J.F. Oberlin University Prof. Akihiro Sakai, head of a police research panel set up to tackle shoplifting, as saying.

"Instead of increased punishment, I hope we can rehabilitate shoplifters with special care."

A police spokesman declined to confirm the details of the survey but said it would be released to the public soon.

More than 20 per cent of Japan's population is 65 or older, with that figure set to double by 2050. REUTERS

23 Elderly shoplifting cases in Tokyo reached all-time highs last year, nearly catching up with the number of cases involving young offenders. People 65 years or older accounted for 23 per cent of the 17,800 known shoplifting cases in 2008, more than doubling in the past five years, media said.

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Microsoft plans to slash the price of its high-end Xbox 360 video game console by $100, or 25 per cent, stepping up the price war in the video game console market. REUTERS

Business

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Growth of web worm worries tech experts

In the shadowy world of computer viruses, the potential for Armageddon — or its digital equivalent — seemingly lurks around every corner. Such is the challenge faced by computer security experts every day.

Many are easily stopped, but others appear to defy every effort at eradication. Those include a particularly savvy program called Conficker, which attacks computers running Microsoft Windows software and recruits them into a vast army of similarly compromised machines known as a botnet.

The worm is conservatively estimated to have infected at least three million computers around the world, although most have no idea their machines have been co-opted.

The concern is that the program's creators will remotely use the botnet's collective computing powers for some sinister purpose.

"Like many of these botnets, it's a sleeping army," said Graham Cluley, a senior technology consultant with antivirus firm Sophos Plc. "It just lies and waits there for instructions. But so far there are no instructions." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

"It's a sleeping army. It just lies and waits there for instructions."
Graham Cluley, technology consultant

Nature group attacks power line plans

A conservation group that owns a 110-hectare nature reserve north of Toronto is threatening legal action against the province of Ontario and a Calgary-based power developer that wants to string power lines across part of the reserve.

The line is needed to connect a new 393-megawatt natural gas power plant to the provincial grid.

Last December the Ontario Power Authority awarded Pristine Power Inc. a contract to build and operate the $365 million "peaker" plant, which will supply electricity to one of Ontario's fast-growing regions.

But Ontario Nature insists that Pristine's winning bid wrongly assumed the plant could be connected to Hydro One's transmission corridor by building a connection line through an existing but unused Hydro One right-of-way, which cuts through the reserve.

"As far as I can tell, Pristine won that bid on the assurance they could connect," said Mark Carabetta, conservation science manager at Ontario Nature. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Mark Carabetta, Ontario Nature

Clean energy tech needed, study says

CLIMATE Research into clean energy technology should get a leading role in new UN climate pact ahead of ever tougher curbs on greenhouse gas emissions, a study said on Friday.

"We need to start talking a lot more about the technological revolution," said Bjorn Lomborg, a Danish statistician and author of The Skeptical Environmentalist who commissioned the report to give alternative ideas for a new UN climate treaty. REUTERS

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Field of Play

A decision on which city will be awarded the right to host the 2015 Pan Am Games is expected soon, and Toronto is still in the running. To find out why CBC's Scott Russell thinks Ontario's biggest city might not be chosen, read his Field of Play column at **metronews.ca/comment**

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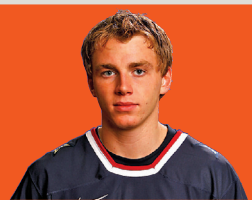

Kane, cousin plead guilty

Chicago Blackhawks forward Patrick Kane, left, and his cousin James Kane pleaded guilty Thursday to a non-criminal charge of disorderly conduct and were ordered to send an apology to the Buffalo cab driver they were accused of roughing up over 20 cents. The 20-year-old player and his 21-year-old cousin were given conditional discharges, meaning they will avoid any penalties if they stay out of trouble for a year. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Team Canada **Olympic scrimmage**

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Team White goalie Roberto Luongo makes a save against Team Red's Jordan Staal during the Red-White scrimmage at the Saddledome on Thursday. The game ended in a 2-2 tie. To read a feature on the three Staal brothers invited to the orientation camp, visit metronews.ca/sports

Stamps, new D face Argos

DAN TOTH
for Metro Calgary

John Hufnagel isn't about to rush to the defence of his defence.

In fact, the Calgary Stampeders head coach is more than willing to admit his squad, second last in the CFL in stopping the run, has got to improve … fast.

The Stampeders defence has allowed an average of 144 yards rushing per game, the second-weakest numbers in the CFL, and a league-worst 7.4 yards per carry.

That's why during last week's bye the Stamps recruited a handful of newcomers who could see action when Calgary travels to Toronto to face the Argos Friday (5:30 p.m. TSN/QR77).

"Our No. 1 goal is to try to prevent the kind of running success that (other teams) have had against us and there's no question that's one of the reasons why we brought some new people in," Hufnagel said.

The Stampeders plan to shut down Argos running back Jamal Robertson, fourth in CFL rushing this season and the only bright spot on an anaemic Toronto offence.

CFL PREVIEW

Calgary at **Toronto**

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Last week the Stamps added import defensive linemen Devone Claybrooks and Jim Davis along with import linebacker Tim Johnson.

Claybrooks has CFL and NFL experience, Davis spent 2008 with the Edmonton Eskimos while Johnson spent five seasons in the NFL. He played in 54 career games and recorded 112 tackles.

Johnson could replace Stamps' injured middle linebacker Tray Blackmon tonight as the 3-4 Stampeders, two points out of first place in the West Division, return to action. The Stamps could also shuffle their lineup to add linebackers Juwan Simpson and Malik Jackson to help stop the run.

Sports in brief

SOCCER Sportswear company Nike Inc. has sold its ownership stake in the United Soccer Leagues to NuRock Soccer Holdings LLC on Thursday. Nike inherited the USL structure when they bought British company Umbro in 2007.

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Deepak Razdan describes himself as a happy *Scotiabank StartRight*™ program customer. He met Pankaj Mehra, Director, India and South Asia Markets, in Delhi (India) at a Scotiabank seminar and stayed in touch with him through the process of moving to Canada.

"I opened my account with Scotiabank while still in India. I landed in Toronto, and asked my friend to drive me to the Scotiabank branch in Brampton. Within a few minutes my account was operational and I had my cheque book and credit card."

New program helps newcomers make a hassle-free start

Recently, Scotiabank conducted a series of seminars in a number of countries to help potential new immigrants get familiarized with banking, and if required, help them apply for a banking account and credit card with Scotiabank in Canada. "I'd heard how important it was to get a credit card to establish my credit history and also that some people find it difficult to get one – but I had no such problem thanks to the *Scotiabank StartRight Program*" says Deepak.

Deepak's wife Kavita was delighted to find that the program entitled them to a small safety deposit box, free for one year[1]. "Scotiabank lived up to our expectations and beyond," says Deepak, who now recommends the program to his friends – those who are in the process of immigrating as well as those who are already here.

Starting right with a little help from friends

Deepak, who was a senior editor at a medical transcription company in India, immigrated in January 2009. He and his wife Kavita, who ran a catering business, chose Canada for a better life and the options it offered their daughters for higher education.

Friends in Canada helped him feel at home from day one, dispelling concerns Kavita may have had about how her husband would fare in a new country. She stayed back in Delhi for their daughter Deepali to finish her grade 10 exam, and joined him six months later. "I missed her and my daughters terribly and looked forward to their arrival. Each night I'd cross another day on the calendar. Kavita knew I was with friends, she was confident on that count" recollects Deepak.

A friend was instrumental in Deepak landing a job within a month of arriving in Canada. "He needed someone to join him and I had a job" he marvels. "Another friend told me I had to get my driving licence and dropped me at the test centre. My friends have been a great support network" he acknowledges. It is with these good friends that Deepak is sharing his Scotiabank experience.

As the Razdans were settling down, they celebrated the Canada Day weekend at the most Canadian of attractions, the Niagara Falls.

An employee speaks of her experience as a newcomer

Harleen Mahindru was familiar with Scotiabank's Welcome to Canada mortgage even before she joined the bank. She moved to Canada from New Delhi, India, in 2003 with her parents and two younger brothers. "When my parents were ready to purchase a home, they went to Scotiabank," she says.

Harleen, who is now employed as a personal banking officer at Scotiabank's branch in Vaughan, points out the advantages of the Welcome to Canada mortgage program and other features that the bank offers new immigrants. "Newcomers who have saved for a down payment could find it relatively easier to secure a mortgage with Scotiabank" she elaborates.

After doing her BBA from University of Toronto and a Mutual Funds course, Harleen joined Scotiabank in January 2008. She has never felt that her ethnicity or gender were a barrier to success.

"Scotiabank rewards enterprise and hard work," says Rania Llewellyn, Vice-President, Multicultural Banking at Scotiabank. "Scotiabank is a great supporter of diversity in the workplace and the male-female ratio is almost evenly balanced. The opportunities I have got for career growth at Scotiabank are phenomenal."

As a relative newcomer to the country, Harleen knows what it can be like to start fresh. "When I first opened an account at another bank, they wouldn't give me a credit card until I had built up a credit history. But how does one build a credit history without credit? It was a vicious circle. I was able to get a credit card only after being able to show one year of part-time work at a grocery store" she recalls. "Now, under the *Scotiabank StartRight*™ program, new immigrants are eligible to apply for a credit card[2] and can start building a credit history right away." adds Harleen.

Scotiabank launches a new branch locator

A client brought his parents and siblings to Scotiabank. Sensing that they would be more comfortable speaking in their native language, Harleen spoke to them in Hindi.

"At Scotiabank, we realize the importance of building a workforce that truly reflects the communities we serve" says Rania Llewellyn, The bank embraces diversity in all its facets, and its culture is based on community and teamwork. "We participate in many programs that provide career opportunities to new immigrants", she adds.

Scotiabank branches have staff that speak in many different languages. "In fact, our website (www.scotiabank.com/branchlocator) features a branch locator option to allow customers to locate a branch with staff that speak the language of their choice" adds Rania.

HARLEEN MAHINDRU
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Bateman brings on the bore

Extract star makes career out of plain characters

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Movie **feature**

Jason Bateman likes to spread the wealth and it's beginning to pay off.

Not only has the affable actor made a career out of handing over the spotlight to his co-stars but at 40 years old, the former child-actor's generosity may finally be paving the way to the A-list.

Of course, Bateman has had a string of success (Hancock, Juno) but it's always been as a supporting player. Now, with the release of his first true leading role as the bewildered owner of a flavouring factory in Extract, one must stop to ponder — why did it take so long for Jason Bateman to become a marquee movie star?

"I think that people get to be 'big stars' based on the roles that they play," revealed the perpetual straight-man during a recent interview.

"You don't want a bunch of spice all the way through the movie; you need somebody, something down the middle and somewhat boring and plain like characters that I enjoy playing."

He modestly insists it's a simple case of finding your niche that has more to do with his success than luck. And as for Extract, Bateman has definitely found his niche. Written and directed by Mike Judge (TV's King of the Hill), Bateman hilariously plays straight man to a string of odd-but-authentic blue-collar characters.

"For me, Mike Judge represents a certain tone and flavour of comedy that's not right in your face," said Bateman of his comfort in the movie. "What he writes are character comedies as opposed to joke comedies or broad, big comedic set-piece comedies … his laughs are very well earned."

While audiences will have to wait until next Friday to see Extract, Bateman will soon be a cinematic staple with no less than three films hitting theatres over the next few months. One of them — Up in the Air — reunited him with Canadian director Jason Reitman (Juno).

"(Reitman) showed it to me the other day and it's really, really good," said Bateman of the comedy which debuts at this year's Toronto International Film Festival. "He's an incredible talent you guys have spawned and I think it's going to be quite the victory tour for him up there again."

Jason Bateman and Kristen Wiig turn up their comic flair in Extract.

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Megan Fox will have to claw her way into another role. The sexy starlet has not been cast as Catwoman by Warner Bros. "It's rumour. It's not true," said a studio rep. "There is no script. There is no project to be cast in." METRO NEWS SERVICES

Movies

A CLASSIC; EXCELLENT; GOOD; FAIR; POOR

No fun in Woodstock

Taking Woodstock
Director: Ang Lee
Stars: Demetri Martin, Emile Hirsch
Classification: R
Rating:

HEIDI PATALANO
for Metro Canada

Demetri Martin joins the greatest party ever in Ang Lee's Taking Woodstock.

Taking Woodstock promises to be a comedy. It even has a comedian as its leading man. But it is not funny — not even laugh in your head funny.

We'd prefer to pin most of the blame on the lead, non-actor Demetri Martin, who, no matter how much he self-deprecatingly claims he didn't know what he was doing (and he's not wrong there), makes the whole affair feel like a tepid high school play.

Taking Woodstock depicts the historic three-day concert of 1969 from the point of view of Elliot Teichberg, a man who helped to bring the festival to the small town where his parents owned a motel.

You'd also expect more from a director like Ang Lee, who does nothing to reinvent any clichés we might have in mind about far-out hippies and the stodgy, conservative generation before them.

The only breath of fresh air comes from a handful of accomplished actors, such as Liev Schrieber and Paul Dano, who prove even within their tiny cameo parts that comedy and pathos can be drawn out of the weakest script.

Demetri Martin may be a great comedian, but his acting career should be as short-lived as our amusement with this film.

Rocksteady solid intro to genre

Rocksteady: The Roots of Reggae
Director: Stascha Bader
Classification: STC
Rating:

ADAM NAYMAN
for Metro Canada

REVIEW Those who think that the history of Jamaican music begins (and ends) with Bob Marley would do well to check out Rocksteady: Stascha Bader's documentary frames its titular song-style as the bridge between more widely recognized movements like ska and reggae.

Rocksteady sounds very much like its name suggests — a sturdy, easy beat tailor-made for swaying — but it came out of a tumultuous period in Jamaican history.

Through a combination of interviews and archival footage, Bader illustrates how the island nation's official independence from Britain in the early 1960s and the subsequent rise of Rastafarianism gave rise to a new rhythmic form.

Bader could not have made the film without the participation of several dozen singers legends gathered for a concert in Kingston; in addition to offering their reflections on the past, these performers show that they're still very potent in the present.

The songs are in some cases more familiar than the performers, but it's doubtful that anyone will be thinking of Boney M when they hear Rivers of Babylon as interpreted by the venerable Hopeton Lewis (Marcia Griffith's rendition of The Tide is High wrestles Blondie to a draw).

Rocksteady does meander at times but it serves as a valuable introduction to a valuable musical genre.

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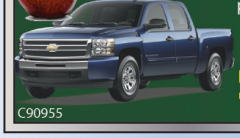

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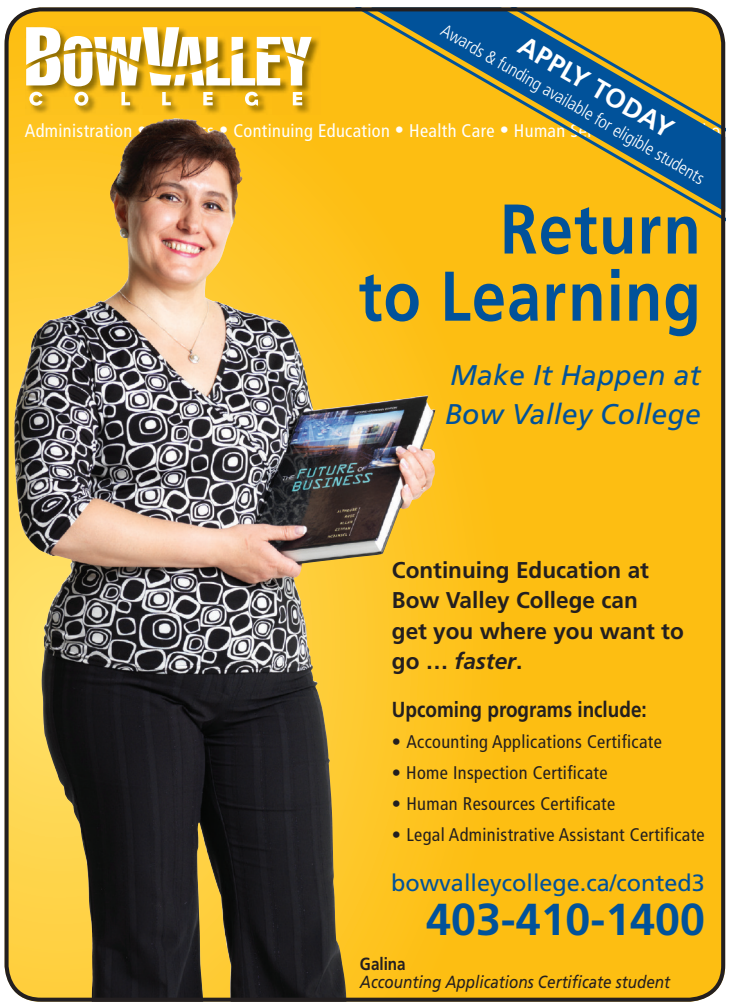

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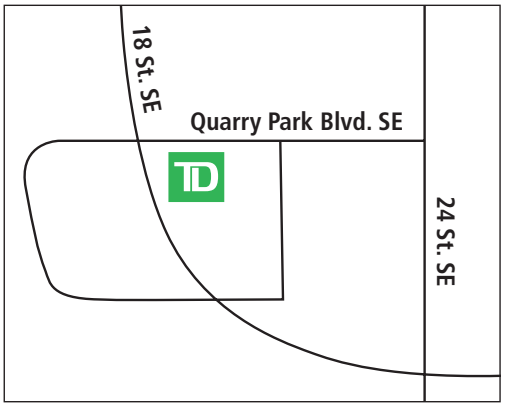

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Reggae's bright light

Matisyahu creates the most diverse album of his career

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for Metro Canada

When Matisyahu, an orthodox Jew from Brooklyn, became a reggae sensation seemingly overnight, you couldn't help but wonder if this was just a strange gimmick. After all it's not everyday you see a bearded, kippah-wearing father of two jamming out like he's Bob Marley. But, three years after releasing Youth, his hit sophomore record, Matthew Paul Miller is still as popular as ever.

Three years after releasing Youth, his hit sophomore record, Brooklyn's Matisyahu is back with a disc called Light.

That fact that his new album, Light, is high on many people's must-have lists is all the more impressive considering he hasn't released a disc since 2006 and didn't tour for chunks of 2008 and 2009.

"The next record I make I'll try to not wait so long before I get started with it," he says on the phone from his home in Brooklyn. "I didn't want to work on the record while I was touring, but I was on the road for a while after the first record came out."

He eventually stopped travelling to work on the disc, then took time to find the right promotion team, and just before he was originally scheduled to release the record — in 2008 — he decided to make some changes to his songs.

"It was a learning curve, but I now have the sense of how to get these things done faster," he says.

The final product might surprise some of his die-hard fans — it's a lot less reggae than his previous disc. We Will Walk sounds like a U2-meets-Sublime mash-up, Escape's verses are straight-up hip-hop, and Motivate has a Linkin Park-esque rock chorus. There are still plenty of the reggae-lite sounds that made him famous, but this is easily Matisyahu's most diverse effort of his career.

There's also a bit of a shift lyrically. The singer doesn't talk as explicitly about Torah or God as he did on the last disc. But that doesn't mean the songs weren't inspired by his religion.

"I'll take an idea from a story or prayer, or a concept from the Hasidic philosophy and find something that really gets me going," he explains. "I'll think about that idea and how it resonates in me and try to write from an intuitive place."

For Matisyahu, just the act of playing and connecting with an audience is spiritual too.

"That's where the real love is happening," he says. "It gives me a certain strength to continue. I feel involved in something that's bigger than I am and I can't stand in the way of it."

Spaced out with Eddie Vedder

SoundCheck

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Eddie Vedder looks awfully relaxed for someone who's just been told that the lead singer of the opening act didn't make it across the border. Instead of making the crowd wait, Pearl Jam has decided to quickly pull together an acoustic set. Pearl Jam will open for themselves tonight.

Up on the second floor of the venue, we can hear songs like Alive and Corduroy blaring from cars in the parking lot. He pays this no notice. A decade ago, Eddie had a rep as an introverted loner, someone whose relationship with fame was complicated. Today, though, he's about as outgoing and congenial as a human can be.

"We've been through enough with this band that this could be one of the better times," he says, "It was well earned. And I guess that's why you want to keep it together because this is the good stuff."

I mention that Pearl Jam is one of the few surviving bands from the original Seattle days.

"A lot of the musicians, they still play. We definitely lost a few. You think, 'Wow, it must be hard to keep a band together.' It hasn't been easy for us. But if it can't be easy to be in a rock band, what's the point of life?"

Due on Sept. 20, the new Pearl Jam album is called Backspacer, a word that's been floating around the Pearl Jam world for a while. Fans first heard it when Pearl Jam sponsored a leatherback turtle race. National Geographic tagged a series of turtles with GPS devices to see which one reached their winter homes in the southern Caribbean first. Pearl Jam's turtle smoked 'em all.

So what came first? The album or the turtle?

"The typewriter key," he says, lighting up another smoke. "I was doing a bit of sculpture with typewriter keys, making a mosaic. And as I was putting these words together, I realized that I had written 'The Who.' Great! And then I wrote the name of our band and it looked really great. And then I saw a key that said 'backspacer.' And that key must have come off a typewriter from the late '20s."

"We don't have 'backspace' keys anymore," I point out. "We have 'delete' keys."

Eddie laughs. "Yes, but backspace keys mean you have to go back and look at your mistakes."

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CNN's Cooper pulls no punches on Montag's pageant performance

We always knew that Anderson Cooper was a silver fox, but we never knew how sharp his claws were. The CNN anchor tore Heidi Montag's Miss Universe pageant performance to shreds, saying she has found a "fresh new way to embarrass herself." POPEATER.COM

Television

Lauren Collins as Paige and Adamo Ruggiero as Marco in the upcoming Degrassi movie Paradise City: Degrassi Goes Hollywood.

Mr. Simpson goes to Hollywood for movie

IAN JOHNSTON
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Silent Bob spoke and Snake got the job.

So says Degrassi High director/producer Stefan Brogren, who claims he was pegged to helm the latest Degrassi TV movie after a recommendation from director Kevin Smith of Jay and Silent Bob fame.

"We were talking to Kevin about making a guest appearance and he was asked who he might like to work with. And he said why not Brogren?" says Stefan, who is the midst of working on the new season of Degrassi.

"I guess the conversation had happened before. Still, it was a bit daunting."

But not surprising. For Brogren is old school Degrassi. Not only is he instantly recognizable as "Snake" Simpson from the original Degrassi High series (or "Mr. Simpson" as he's known on the current version), he now works behind the camera as episode director and producer.

Still, this movie of the week is a Degrassi with a difference. It's a two hour movie special, set in Hollywood, with an ambitious plot and plenty of music and celebrity guest stars (including Smith and Jason Mewes as themselves, Vivica A. Fox, and Perez Hilton). Think Degrassi 90210.

"It's definitely got a bigger scope and a different vibe. It's more a Degrassi fairy tale," says Brogren. "The trick was to go with the different vibe but somehow maintain what makes Degrassi so great."

"It's more of a Degrassi fairy tale."
Director/actor Stefan Brogren

In the story, the Degrassi kids head on a road trip to Hollywood in pursuit of fame and fortune. There they meet up with Degrassi grad Paige (Lauren Collins), who has just jumped from the role of lowly personal assistant to movie star.

"It's sort of a typical Paige story," says Collins, who spent six years on the show. "She wants to try something new and heads off to LA. But then she gets into trouble because she lies to everyone at Degrassi about what she's doing."

Collins, who now splits her time between Toronto and Montreal, says the TV movie has generated a lot of interest in the Canadian media —something that hasn't always been the case.

"I think the fact we stepped it up a bit with all the stars and the music and the setting. But in the U.S., we always get a lot of press."

Paradise City: Degrassi Goes Hollywood airs Sunday night on CTV.

FRIDAY 8/28/09

CA	Vu	SC	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
primetime	243	317 3 CFCN	etalk	Hollywood	Defying Gravity "Bacon"		Ghost Whisperer		Without a Trace		CTV News
	-	- 4 OMNI	Two/Half Men	The Simpsons	Omni News: S. Asian Edition		Omni News: Cantonese Edition		The Simpsons	King	Metropia
	-	371 5 KXLV	4 News at 6	4 News at 6:30	Entertainment	The Insider (N)	Supernanny		Ugly Betty "In the Stars"		20/20
	245	306 6 CBRT	Coronation St.	Jeopardy!	Ron James: West Coast Wild		Wild Roses (DVS)		CBC News: The National		The Hour
	244	338 7 CICT	ET Canada	Entertainment	NUMB3RS "Tabu"		The Unit		Mental		News Hour
	246	- 8 CKAL	Law & Order: SVU		Mantracker		Out There	Out There	Ugly Betty "In the Stars"		Your City
	-	372 12 KREM	NFL Preseason Football: Patriots at Redskins				Hollywood	Paid Program	NW Backroads	Paid Program	The Doctors
	-	374 14 KSPS	NewsHour With Jim Lehrer		Wash. Week	McLaughlin	Bill Moyers Journal (N)		NOW on PBS	Being Served	P.O.V.
	-	370 16 KHQ	News (N)	Be-Millionaire	Jeopardy!	Wheel-Fortune	Southland "Two Gangs"		Dateline NBC		
	-	373 22 KAYU	The Simpsons	Raymond	Two/Half Men	Two/Half Men	Are You Smarter Than a 5th Grader?				News
news	502	390 15 CBC	CBC News: The National		CBC News: the fifth estate (N)		CBC News: The National		CBC News: The National		fifth estate
	500	500 29 CNN	Larry King Live (N)		Anderson Cooper 360 (HDTV)				Larry King Live		Cooper 360
	501	391 52 CTV	CTV News Tonight		News	CTV News	News	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News
sports	400	400 21 TSN	CFL Football: Stampeders at Argonauts			SportsCentre (HDTV) (Live)			2009 World Series of Poker		World Series
	408	418 27 net	MLB Baseball		Sportsnet Con.	Sportsnet Con.	MMA Conn	UFC: Access	Sportsnet Connected		Fight Night
family	552	543 20 YTV	The Next Star (N)		*A Cinderella Story* ★★ (2004, Romance-Comedy)				Prank Patrol	Prank Patrol	Family Biz
	557	541 39 FAM	Wizards-Place	Wizards-Place	Wizards-Place	Wizards-Place	*Wizards of Waverly Place The Movie* (2009, Comedy)				*Spymate*
cable variety	-	- 18 CHTV	The Insider (N)	E News	Smarter Than a 5th Grader?		Comedians	Comedians	20/20 (HDTV)		CHCA News
	603	561 25 FOOD	Bobby Flay	Chef Abroad	Diner, Drive-In	Diner, Drive-In	Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares		Unwrapped	Unwrapped	Bobby Flay
	615	520 26 A&E	Criminal Minds (HDTV)		Criminal Minds (HDTV)		Criminal Minds (HDTV)		Criminal Minds (HDTV)		Criminal Minds
	617	522 32 SHOW	Trailer Park	Trailer Park	The Outer Limits		The Best Years (DVS)		Kenny-Spenny	Kenny-Spenny	Trailer Park
	520	505 35 DISC	Man vs. Wild "Namibia"		Forensic Factor (N)		What's That About?		Man vs. Wild "Namibia"		Dirty Jobs
	628	584 43 SPIKE	*Resident Evil* ★ (2002, Horror) Milla Jovovich, Eric Mabius.				MANswers	MANswers	Spike Men-U	MANswers	Ways to Die
	522	516 45 HIST	Urban Legends	Urban Legends	NCIS "Judgment Day"		Jurassic Fight Club		Urban Legends	Urban Legends	Ice Road Trck
	581	566 102 MTV	The Real World		True Love	The X Effect	Cribs	Cribs	16 and Pregnant		True Love

SATURDAY 8/29/09

CA	Vu	SC	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
primetime	243	317 3 CFCN	W-FIVE Presents: Gridlock		Law & Order: SVU		*Flightplan* ★★ (2005, Suspense) Jodie Foster.				CTV News
	-	- 4 OMNI	Omni News: Mandarin		Chinese Rest.	Word for Word	*Secret* ★★ (2007, Drama) Jay Chou, Guey Lun-mei.				Chinese Rest.
	-	371 5 KXLV	News	Time Life	Entertainment Tonight		*Flightplan* ★★ (2005, Suspense) Jodie Foster.				Jimmy Kimmel
	245	306 6 CBRT	The Nature of Things		Dragon's Den		Da Vinci's City Hall		Intelligence (DVS)		*Bend It Like*
	244	338 7 CICT	Doc		Doc "The Way We Were"		Doc "Men in Tights"		Doc "Swing Shift"		News Final (N)
	246	- 8 CKAL	Murdoch Mysteries		Murdoch Mysteries		*Touch of Pink* ★★★ (2004, Romance-Comedy)				The City Show
	-	372 12 KREM	NFL Preseason Football: Chargers at Falcons				Access Hollywood (N)		Paid Program	NW Backroads	Paid Program
	-	374 14 KSPS	The Lawrence Welk Show		Jack Benny	Time Goes By	The Civil War "War Is All Hell: 1865"				
	-	370 16 KHQ	News (N)	Judge Judy	CSI: NY "Trapped"		Law & Order: Criminal Intent		Anniversary of WrestleMania		Law/Ord SVU
	-	373 22 KAYU	NFL Preseason Football: Seahawks at Chiefs				Cops	Cops	America's Most Wanted		News
news	502	390 15 CBC	Sat. Report	Mansbridge	Inside the Meltdown		Sat. Report	Our World	Sat. Report	Mansbridge	Meltdown
	500	500 29 CNN	Larry King Live		Newsroom		CNN Presents		Larry King Live		Newsroom
	501	391 52 CTV	CTV News Weekend		CTV News	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News
sports	400	400 21 TSN	CFL Football		SportsCentre (HDTV) (Live)			World Extreme Cagefighting (HDTV)			
	408	418 27 net	MLB Baseball		Sportsnet Con.	Sportsnet Con.	English Premier League Soccer Teams TBA.				Sportsnet Con.
family	552	543 20 YTV	Kid vs. Kat	League-Evil	Prank Patrol	Prank Patrol	Survive This	Adrenaline Proj	In Real Life		Prank Patrol
	557	541 39 FAM	(7:01) Jonas	Latest Buzz	Suite Life	Zoey 101	Zack & Cody	Han. Montana	*Dennis the Menace* ★★ (1993, Comedy)		
cable variety	-	- 18 CHTV	Out There	E News	Beat-Nation	Beat-Nation	*Obituary* (2006, Suspense) Josie Bissett. Premiere.				E News
	603	561 25 FOOD	The Next Food Network Star		Kitchen Nightmares		Hell's Kitchen		Scoop! (Part 2 of 2)		Next Food Star
	615	520 26 A&E	(6) *My Cousin Vinny* (1992, Comedy)			Gene Simmons	Gene Simmons	Gene Simmons	*My Cousin Vinny* ★★★ (1992, Comedy)		
	617	522 32 SHOW	*Dr. Jekyll & Mr. Hyde* (2008, Suspense) Dougray Scott.				*Thrill of the Kill* (2006, Suspense) Shiri Appleby.				*Resident Evil*
	520	505 35 DISC	Dirty Jobs		Destroyed	Guinea Pig	Criss Angel	Criss Angel	Dirty Jobs		Destroyed
	628	584 43 SPIKE	(6:21) *Rocky III* ★★★ (1982, Drama)				*Rocky IV* ★★ (1985, Drama) Sylvester Stallone, Burt Young.			(10:33) *Rocky V* (1990)	
	522	516 45 HIST	Unlocking the Past		Sinking an Aircraft Carrier		Crime Stories		*Boogie Nights* ★★★ (1997, Drama)		
	581	566 102 MTV	MTV News	Cribs	Cribs	Cribs	Cribs	Cribs	Cribs	Cribs	MTV Live

SUNDAY 8/30/09

CA	Vu	SC	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
primetime	243	317 3 CFCN	Corner Gas	Big Bang Th	*Paradise City: Degrassi Goes Hollywood* (2009) (DVS)				Cold Case		CTV News
	-	- 4 OMNI	Without a Trace		King	Look I Cook	Bollywood Boulevard (DVS)		There Goes the Neighborhood		Toudi Sehat
	-	371 5 KXLV	News	Storm Stories	Funniest Home Videos		Extreme Makeover: Home		Shark Tank (N)		Defying Gravity
	245	306 6 CBRT	Heartland (HDTV) (DVS)		*National Treasure* ★★ (2004, Adventure) Nicolas Cage.				(10:10) *National Treasure*		Doctor Who
	244	338 7 CICT	16:9 Picture	American Dad	The Simpsons	Family Guy	(9:01) Big Brother 11		Family Guy	American Dad	News Final (N)
	246	- 8 CKAL	The T.O. Show	Two/Half Men	Less-Kind	Less-Kind	Murdoch Mysteries		Departures		Reviews
	-	372 12 KREM	NFL Preseason Football Chicago Bears at Denver Broncos.				(9:01) Big Brother 11		There Goes the Neighborhood		Cold Case
	-	374 14 KSPS	Lark Rise to Candleford		Nature (HDTV) (DVS)		Masterpiece Mystery! (N) (DVS)			West Coast	MI-5
	-	370 16 KHQ	NFL Preseason Football Chicago Bears at Denver Broncos.				News	News	CSI: NY "Wasted"		Dateline NBC
	-	373 22 KAYU	FOX Fall Prev.	Paid Program	'Til Death	American Dad	The Simpsons	The Simpsons	Family Guy	American Dad	News
news	502	390 15 CBC	CBC News: Sunday Night (N)		Charles Other Mistress		Diana: Witnesses		CBC News: Sunday Night		Mistress
	500	500 29 CNN	Larry King Live		Newsroom		State of the Union		Larry King Live		State of Union
	501	391 52 CTV	CTV News Weekend		CTV News	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News
sports	400	400 21 TSN	NFL Preseason Football Chicago Bears at Denver Broncos.				SportsCentre		Boxing Friday Night Fights. (HDTV)		
	408	418 27 net	(6) MLB Baseball Atlanta Braves at Philadelphia Phillies.				Sportsnet Connected		Sportsnet Connected		PartyPoker.net
family	552	543 20 YTV	*Over the Hedge* ★★★ (2006, Comedy), Garry Shandling				Prank Patrol	Prank Patrol	In Real Life		Adrenaline Proj
	557	541 39 FAM	(7:01) Jonas	Latest Buzz	Suite Life	Zoey 101	Zack & Cody	Han. Montana	*Little Big League* ★★ (1994, Comedy)		
cable variety	-	- 18 CHTV	Inside Hollywood		Tube Tales (N)	Tube Tales (N)	Extreme Makeover: Home		*A Job to Kill For* (2006, Suspense)		
	603	561 25 FOOD	Iron Chef America		Dinner: Impossible		Restaurant Makeover		Get on Plate	Food Detective	Iron Chef Am.
	615	520 26 A&E	Criminal Minds (HDTV)		Criminal Minds (HDTV)		Criminal Minds (HDTV)		Criminal Minds (HDTV)		Criminal Minds
	617	522 32 SHOW	Trailer Park	Trailer Park	The Guard (HDTV)		*Temptation* ★ (2003, Comedy) Annette O'Toole.				Rescue Me
	520	505 35 DISC	(6) MythBusters		MythBusters (N)		Anthony Bourdain		MythBusters Automotive fables.		
	628	584 43 SPIKE	Pros vs. Joes		Pros vs. Joes		Pros vs. Joes		Ways to Die	Ways to Die	Ways to Die
	522	516 45 HIST	The War (DVS)		Digging for the Truth		Ancient Discoveries		*The Mummy Returns* (2001, Adventure)		
	581	566 102 MTV	Cribs	Cribs	Cribs	Cribs	After	MTV News	Cribs	Cribs	Cribs

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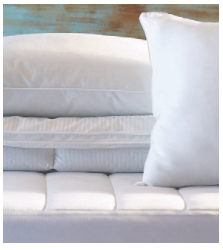

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Going Out

Director Raimi inks TV deal with Sony

Filmmaker Sam Raimi, writer-director of Spider-Man and Evil Dead movies, is moving deeper into prime-time television.

Raimi and Joshua Donen's Stars Road Entertainment has inked a two-year deal with Sony Pictures TV and has hired CBS senior vice president of drama Robert Zotnowski to spearhead the company's TV efforts.

Zotnowski has been running the CBS drama department with Christina Davis since the ascent of Nina Tassler to entertainment president in 2004.

Zotnowski said the goal for Stars Road is to expand its presence on broadcast TV and cable, with a primary focus on drama. Stars Road will develop material of all genres except horror, which will continue to be handled by Raimi's Ghost House Pictures.

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Director Sam Raimi at the 2009 Cannes Film Festival.

As a TV producer with partner Robert Tapert, Raimi has made his mark in the action-adventure genre for first-run syndication with such hits as Xena: Princess Warrior and Hercules: The Legendary Journeys and most recently Legend of the Seeker, on which Donen also serves as an executive producer.

Raimi's prime-time efforts have been primarily in the horror genre (CBS' American Gothic and the CW's 13: Fear Is Real) and in action-adventure (ABC's Spy Game and Starz's upcoming Spartacus).

On the big screen, Raimi most recently wrote and directed the horror feature Drag Me to Hell.

REUTERS

Mix of Six

The Cult

When: Aug. 28
Where: Flames Central

The English rockers are back again in Calgary. Show starts at 7:30 p.m. No minors. Tickets start at $43.50 and are available through Ticketmaster.

Expo Latino 2009

When: Aug. 28-30
Where: Prince's Island Park

Reggaeton Fest runs from 7 to 10 p.m. Aug.28 with bands and dancers from around Canada. Gates open 11:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Aug. 29 and 11:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Aug. 30. Tickets $10 at the gate. Free admission for seniors and children under 12

Bombazo 2009

When: Aug. 29
Where: Chinese Cultural Centre

A dance party featuring Tequila Band and Los Hermanos Flores from El Salvador. Doors open at 10 p.m. Tickets are $25 and available at Co-op stores.

Heritage Park Harvest Sale

When: Aug. 29-30
Where: Heritage Park

Truckloads of fresh fruit and vegetables available at turn of the century prices. Money raised goes towards the Alberta Children's Hospital Foundation, Heritage Park Society and the Calgary Community Kitchen. Runs from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

World Skill Kick-Off Concert

When: Olympic Plaza
Where: Aug, 29

The World Skills Cultural Celebrations kicks off with a day of live music, buskers and entertainment. Runs from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Global Fest

When: Aug. 29
Where: Elliston Park

The fireworks grand finale will be held. Cultural pavilions and gates open at 6 p.m. Tickets $15 at the gate. For more information visit globalfest.ca

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Kelly reveals teen drug addiction

Kelly Osbourne became addicted to Vicodin when she was 17, taking up to 50 tablets a day, she revealed in her new book Fierce. She says she took them to cope with the new-found fame during filming of MTV's The Osbournes. **POPEATER.COM**

Celebrity Buzz

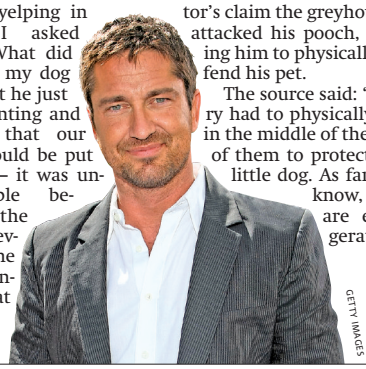
Gerard accused of striking dog

CRAZY DOG OWNERS Gerard Butler has been accused of assaulting a dog, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

Retired banker Fred Varecka claims the star lashed out at his greyhound Mayfly on a street in Queens, N.Y., on Monday afternoon.

Varecka was walking two dogs when Butler's unleashed pug dog ran over to them. He says Butler quickly followed, striking one of Varecka's larger dogs for no reason.

Varecka said: "My dog crashed into a fence before yelping in pain. I asked him, 'What did you hit my dog for?' But he just kept ranting and raving that our dog should be put down — it was unbelievable because the dogs never came into contact at any time."



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But a friend of the actor's claim the greyhounds attacked his pooch, forcing him to physically defend his pet.

The source said: "Gerry had to physically get in the middle of the two of them to protect the little dog. As far as I know, they are exaggerating. Gerry is an animal lover and simply separated the dogs.

"He would never hurt another animal."

Butler's representative backed up this version of events, saying: "A larger greyhound repeatedly attacked Gerard's small pug, so he separated them to protect both dogs."

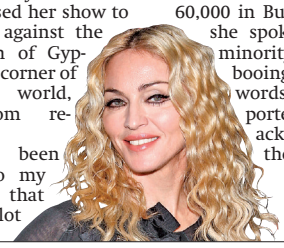
Varecka has filed a harassment complaint with the New York Police Department, claiming Butler "cursed him out."

METRO NEWS SERVICES

Madonna defends Gypsies

UNPOPULAR SENTIMENT Thousands of Romanian concert-goers voiced their displeasure with Madonna on Wednesday, after the singer paused her show to speak out against the persecution of Gypsies in that corner of the world, popeater.com reports.

"It's been brought to my attention that there's a lot of discrimination against Romania and Gypsies in general in Eastern Europe, and that makes me very sad," she told the crowd of 60,000 in Bucharest. As she spoke, a vocal minority began booing her words. She reportedly did not acknowledge the jeers.



METRO WORLD NEWS

Anne's no fan of ex

UGLY DIVORCE What does Anne Heche think of her ex-husband, Coley Laffoon?

"Can you say 'lazy ass' on TV?" the actress, 40, said on the Late Show With David Letterman. Heche and Laffoon — who have a seven-year-old son, Homer — divorced in 2007 after five years of marriage, usmagazine.com reports.

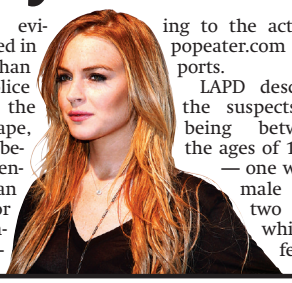
Last June, she agreed pay him a $275,000 US lump sum and $3,700 a month in child support for their son.

Asked what Laffoon does for a living, she sniped: "He goes out to the mailbox and he opens up the little mailbox door and goes, 'Oh! I got a check from Anne! Oh! I got a check from Anne! Yay!'"

METRO NEWS SERVICES

Lindsay knows who her burglars are?

SUSPICION New evidence has surfaced in the Lindsay Lohan burglary case. Police have released the surveillance tape, and detectives believe the trio entered through an unlocked door and took personal items belonging to the actress, popeater.com reports.



LAPD describe the suspects as being between the ages of 18-25 — one white male and two white females. And it seems like Lohan may know the suspects.

Lohan tweeted yesterday saying, "That's how i know it was not a ROBBERY. electronics weren't taken ... just things that a certain old friend knew meant a lot to me."

According to TMZ, police are looking at the possibility that the burglars who hit Lohan are the same people who broke into Audrina Patridge's Los Angeles pad earlier this year.

A law enforcement officer said Lohan was shown a picture of the man who broke into her place and said he "looked familiar."

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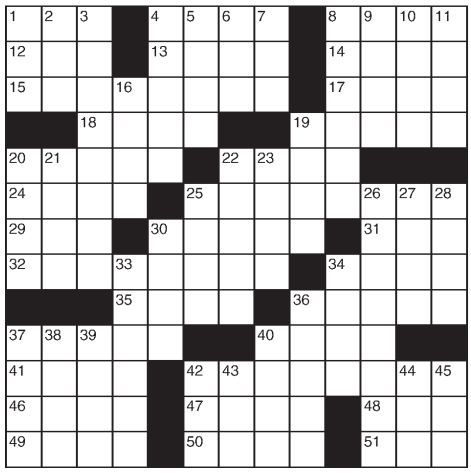

Sudoku

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

		9					8	
5	6						2	7
		7	4			3	6	
7				9	6		5	
				2				
	1		3	4				8
	9	3			7	5		
6	7						4	2
	8					9		

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1 Brother of Dubya
4 Boast
8 King's defender
12 Foreman foe
13 Barrett or Jaffe
14 Curved molding
15 Big numbers
17 Retirement funds, for short
18 Clover piece
19 Despots
20 It's for mass consumption
22 Reverber-ate
24 Uncontrollable
25 Pomp
29 Solidify
30 Hymn
31 Actress Thurman
32 Supported
34 Highlander
35 Ahs' mates
36 Tea variety
37 They get in the whey
40 Zinger
41 Ellipse
42 Program
46 Chromosome part
47 Relaxation
48 Meadow
49 Droops
50 Liniment target
51 Yule fuel

DOWN

1 Poke
2 Yale student
3 Wallet
4 Pipe type
5 Santa's runway
6 Landers or Curry
7 Petrol
8 Toxic substance
9 Taj Mahal city
10 Have on
11 Loch — Monster
16 Welsh veggie
19 Subsequently
20 Carry on
21 Churchly cry
22 Blunted blades
23 Dressed
25 Obi
26 Platypus feature
27 "Typee" sequel
28 Assess-ment
30 Experts
33 A lot
34 Belgrade resident
36 Lottery winner, e.g.
37 Gear teeth
38 Eye layer
39 Pealed
40 Wild party
42 Royal insomnia cause
43 Varnish ingredient
44 Zodiac feline
45 Trail the pack

PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:

9	2	3	7	4	8	1	6	5
6	8	4	9	1	5	7	3	2
1	5	7	3	6	2	4	9	8
8	7	2	5	3	9	6	4	1
4	3	6	2	7	1	5	8	9
5	9	1	4	8	6	3	2	7
2	6	9	1	5	3	8	7	4
3	4	5	8	9	7	2	1	6
7	1	8	6	2	4	9	5	3

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Metro Recipe of the Day

Surf 'n' Turf Tenderloin

INGREDIENTS:
1 tbsp (15 ml) finely chopped onion
1 garlic clove, minced
2 tbsp (25 ml) olive oil, divided
2 tbsp (25 ml) butter, divided
1/4 cup (50 ml) beef broth
16 uncooked medium shrimp, peeled and deveined
1 tbsp (15 ml) minced fresh parsley
4 beef tenderloin steaks

METHOD:
1. In small skillet, sauté onion and garlic in 1 tbsp (15 ml) oil and 1 tbsp (15 ml) butter until tender. Add broth; cook and stir 1 minute. Add shrimp; cook and stir until shrimp turn pink, 3-5 minutes. Add parsley.
2. Meanwhile, make horizontal cut three-fourths of way through each steak. Place three shrimp in each pocket. Cover remaining shrimp and sauce for garnish; set aside and keep warm.
3. In large skillet, heat remaining oil and butter over medium-high heat. Add steaks; cook until meat reaches desired doneness (10-13 minutes for medium), turning once. Top with remaining shrimp and sauce.

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ARIES ♈
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
You'll be in love with anyone and everyone — well, almost. But don't let people seeking to take advantage of your generous nature succeed.

TAURUS ♉
APRIL 21-MAY 21
If there is something that needs to be said at home or at work, speak up. You'll get your message across without starting an unnecessary feud.

GEMINI ♊
MAY 22-JUNE 21
There's no point trying to force yourself to work. Give yourself the day off and have a long, enjoyable weekend. You'll return to work raring to go next week.

CANCER ♋
JUNE 22-JULY 22
You may be tempted to accept less than you are entitled to in a professional or financial capacity, but hold out and the other side will give in.

LEO ♌
JULY 23-AUG 23
You will be at peace with the world — or at least your personal domain. Life is good and getting better by the minute, and so it should.

VIRGO ♍
AUG 24-SEPT 22
You'll get encouraging news about your financial situation and that will take away worries lurking at the back of your brain. Have a fun weekend too.

LIBRA ♎
SEPT 23-OCT 23
You have always been generous and today you won't be able to say no to anyone who needs assistance. But make sure you get a little something in return.

SCORPIO ♏
OCT 24-NOV 22
If you're smart you'll tell someone something they need to hear in a way that doesn't damage their already fragile ego. Honesty does not have to hurt.

SAGITTARIUS ♐
NOV 23-DEC 21
You'll get the chance today to escape the daily grind. Enjoying the company of people who share your social and spiritual values will revitalize you.

CAPRICORN ♑
DEC 22-JAN 20
Remind yourself what a truly privileged individual you are. You've got problems but you've also got more than most people get in a lifetime. Appreciate it.

AQUARIUS ♒
JAN 21-FEB 18
Someone you are close to could do with a kind word or a cuddle today and you won't need to be asked twice. Who says Aquarius doesn't do emotion?

PISCES ♓
FEB 19-MARCH 20
Work? What's that? You have finished for the week and you intend to kick back and relax. That's good. You need time out to repair your body and mind.

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2. "Dilbert" drawer Adams' crocks (1)
3. "Set to go, President Roosevelt?" (2)
4. Bonnie's bank-robbing partner wept (1)
5. 2008 World Series champs' Easter flowers (2)
6. Wealthier needle-using garment maker (2)
7. Political rival's advocates (3)

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1. NUDE SUED 2. SCOTTS POTS 3. READY TEDDY 4. CLYDE CRIED 5. PHILLIES LILIES 6. RICHER STITCHER 7. OPPONENTS PROPONENTS

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